angles. This approximation is then made closer by using the values of f at points where AB cuts the curve f(x, y) = const. If the second approximation is not close enough, the process is repeated.

23. Herr Wagenmann correlates successive steps in the theory of evolution with series  $-\infty, \dots -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$  along three coördinate axes developing successively the ideas of motion, mass, the nebular hypothesis and evolution of living organisms and of civilization. He finds that his method leads to a monistic philosophy — in fact to a pan-monism.

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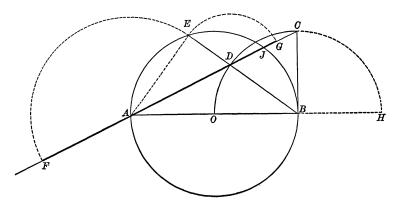
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## A NEW APPROXIMATE CONSTRUCTION FOR $\pi$ .

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GIVEN a circle with radius r and center at O; to find an approximate construction for  $\pi r$ .

Draw the diameter AOB and the tangent BC at right angles to it. Describe the arc ODC with radius r and center at B.



Draw the line AC cutting the arcs ODC and AB at D and J; also draw the line BDE through B and D cutting the given circle at E. Then  $AD + 3DE = \pi r$  approximately.